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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MAKOTO MUTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SEAMAN, D. M. M.  
SERIAL NO: 10/559,499 :  
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FOR: INTERMEDIATES AND PROCESS :  
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OPTICALLY  
ACTIVE QUINOLONECARBOXYLIC  
ACID DERIVATIVES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 10, 2009, Applicants request  
reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Claims** begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.